## **Amendments to the Claims:**

- 1. (Currently Amended) A <u>hydroxyethyl</u> cellulose ether having from 4,000 to 10,000 anhydroglucose repeat units and being substituted with
- (a) on the average from 0.0003 to 0.08 moles, per mole of anhydroglucose unit, of a substituent comprising an alkyl or arylalkyl group having from 8 to 24 carbon atoms and
- (b) a substituent having the formula II

$$[R^{5}R^{6}R^{7}R^{B}IC^{+}](A^{z})_{1/z},$$
 (II)

wherein

R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> each independently are -CH<sub>3</sub> or -C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>,

A<sup>z</sup>- is an anion, and

z is 1, 2 or 3.

- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) The cellulose ether of claim  $\underline{1}$  [[2]] comprising on the average from 1.0 to 3.0 moles of hydroxyethyl groups, per mole of anhydroglucose unit.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The cellulose ether of claim 1 [[2]] comprising on the average from 0.0005 to 0.07 moles of the substituent (a), per mole of anhydroglucose unit.
- 5. (Previously presented) The cellulose ether of claim 1 comprising on the average from 0.1 to 0.6 moles of the substituent (b), per mole of anhydroglucose unit.
- 6. (Previously presented) The cellulose ether of claim 1 having a viscosity of from 1,500 to 350,000 mPa's, measured as a 2 weight percent aqueous solution at 25 °C.
- 7. (Previously presented) The cellulose ether of claim 1 wherein the substituent (a) has the formula I

$$R^{1}R^{2}R^{3}R^{4}N^{+}(A^{z-})_{1/z}$$
 (I)

wherein

 $R^1$  and  $R^2$  each independently are -CH<sub>3</sub> or -C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>,

 $R^4$  is an alkyl or arylalkyl group having from 8 to 24 carbon atoms, and  $A^{z_-}$  is an anion, and z is 1, 2 or 3.

- 8. (Previously presented) The cellulose ether of claim 1 wherein the substituent (a) is derived from a glycidyl ether, an alpha-olefin epoxide, an alkyl halide or a mixture thereof comprising an alkyl or arylalkyl group having from 8 to 24 carbon atoms.
- 9. (Previously presented) The cellulose ether of claim 1 wherein the substituent (a) comprises an alkyl or arylalkyl group having from 10 to 24 carbon atoms.
- 10. (Original) The cellulose ether of claim 9 wherein the substituent (a) comprises a dodecyl group.
- 11. (Previously presented) The cellulose ether of claim 1 having from 6,000 to 8,000 anhydroglucose repeat units, comprising on the average from 1.5 to 2.5 moles of hydroxyethyl groups, per mole of anhydroglucose unit, and being substituted with
- (a) on the average from 0.0005 to 0.07 moles, per mole of anhydroglucose unit, of a substituent having the formula I

$$R^{1}R^{2}R^{3}R^{4}N^{+}(A^{z-})_{1/z}$$
 (I)

wherein

 $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are -CH $_3$ ,  $R^3$  is -CH $_2$ -CHOH-CH $_2$ -,  $R^4$  is a dodecyl group,  $A^{z\text{-}}$  is a halide ion and z is 1 , and

(b) on the average from 0.15 to 0.35 moles, per mole of anhydroglucose unit, of a substituent having the formula II

$$R^{5}R^{6}R^{7}R^{8}N^{+}(A^{z-})_{1/z}$$
 (II)

wherein R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are -CH<sub>3</sub>, R<sup>8</sup> is -CH<sub>2</sub>-CHOH-CH<sub>2</sub>-, A<sup>z</sup>- is a halide ion and z is 1.

- 12. (Cancelled)
- 13. (Previously presented) A personal care composition comprising the cellulose ether of claim 1.

14.-18 (Canceled)

19. (New) The personal care composition of claim 13, further comprising sunflower seed oil.